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**AMEND THE CLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:**

(The following claims replace the claims as previously presented)

7. (currently amended) A ~~satellite broadcast signal distribution system~~ that ~~distributes~~ conveys blocks of received satellite broadcasts signals to for selection by remote receiver equipment via a ~~distribution cable~~, said ~~satellite broadcast signal distribution system~~ comprising:

a satellite ~~signal~~ receiving antenna that receives at least first and second distinct blocks of broadcasts ~~program signals~~ from at least one satellite, said first block comprising a first plurality of satellite broadcasts program signals, said second block comprising a second plurality of satellite broadcasts program signals; at least one block converter coupled to the satellite ~~signal~~ receiving antenna, said block converter block-frequency-converting at least the first block comprising the first plurality of satellite broadcasts program signals to a different frequency band; and

a coupler, coupled to the block converter, that applies both blocks onto said distribution cable for simultaneous ~~distribution~~ conveyance to the remote receiver equipment.

8. (currently amended) The system of claim 7 wherein said receiver equipment produces a control signal, and said system further includes an electrically operated switch ~~disposed at said receiver equipment, said switch~~

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operating in response to the control signal produced by said receiver equipment to select between said block-frequency converted first block ~~or~~ and said second block carried by said distribution cable, said switch operating in response to the control signal produced by said receiver equipment.

9. (currently amended) The system of claim 7 wherein:

the receiver equipment is of the type that alternately receives vertical polarization type satellite signals transmissions and horizontal polarization type satellite signal transmissions;

the coupler simultaneously applies both a vertical polarization type block of plural satellite broadcast signal transmissions and a horizontal polarization type block of plural satellite broadcast signal transmissions to the same distribution cable; and

the system further includes a head-out processor disposed at the receiver equipment and coupled to said distribution cable, said head-out processor selecting between said vertical polarization type block of satellite broadcast signals and said horizontal polarization type block of satellite broadcast signals for application to said receiver equipment.

10. (previously presented) The system of claim 7 wherein said distribution cable comprises a single coaxial or fiber cable.

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11. (previously presented) The system of claim 7 wherein said block converter converts said first block to a frequency band outside of the range of 950-1450 MHz.

12. (previously presented) The system of claim 7 wherein said block converter converts said first and second blocks to frequency bands outside of the range of 950-1450 MHz.

13. (currently amended) The system of claim 7 wherein the system permits the blocks to travel via existing wiring pre-existing within a multiple dwelling unit, and said receiver equipment comprises plural satellite receivers coupled to said multiple dwelling unit pre-existing wiring.

14. (currently amended) The system of claim 7 wherein the block converter converts the satellite broadcast signals-blocks to frequencies which present day amplifiers can transport.

15. (currently amended) The system of claim 7 further including re-converting the signals-received blocks to their original frequencies.

16. (currently amended) The system of claim 7 wherein the first received block ~~comprises-is~~ vertically polarized signals and the second received block ~~comprises-is~~ horizontally polarized signals.

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17. (previously presented) The system of claim 7 wherein the first block comprises left-hand circular polarization signals and the second block comprises right-hand circular polarization signals.

18. (currently amended) The system of claim 7 further including ~~passing~~ converting said received signals ~~blocks through with~~ a low noise block converter.

19. (previously presented) The system of claim 7 wherein the block converter includes an up converter.

20. (previously presented) The system of claim 7 wherein the block converter includes a down converter.

21. (previously presented) The system of claim 7 wherein the block converter comprises a down converter and an up converter.

22. (currently amended) The system of claim 7 further including a further block converter at said receiver equipment, said further block converter block-frequency-converting at least one of said first and second blocks into a frequency range the receiver equipment can receive.

23. (currently amended) The system of claim 7 ~~further including a switch~~ at wherein said receiver equipment includes a switch, said switch switching between said first and second blocks.

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24. (currently amended) The system of claim 7 ~~further including a selector~~  
~~at wherein~~ said receiver equipment includes a selector, said selector selecting said  
first block or said second block.

25. (previously presented) The system of claim 7 wherein the block  
converter frequency-converts said first block to a first frequency band and  
frequency-converts said second block to a second frequency band different from  
and non-overlapping with said first frequency band.

26. (currently amended) The system of claim 7 wherein the receiver  
equipment includes a tuner that tunes to select a particular satellite broadcast  
signal within said first and second satellite broadcast signal blocks for reception.

27. (currently amended) ~~In a satellite broadcast signal distribution~~In a  
system that ~~distributes~~conveys blocks of received satellite broadcast signals to  
~~multiple receiver equipment installations via a shared distribution cable~~, a method  
comprising:

obtaining at least first and second blocks of broadcast program signals  
transmitted by at least one satellite, said first block comprising a first plurality of  
broadcast program signals, said second block comprising a second plurality of  
broadcast program signals;

block-frequency-converting at least the first block comprising the first  
plurality of broadcast program signals to a different frequency band; and

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simultaneously applying both the block-frequency-converted first block and the second block to the ~~shared-same~~ distribution cable for ~~distribution~~ carrying to said ~~multiple~~ receiver equipment installations.

28. (new) The method of claim 27 wherein said method distributes said block-frequency-converted first block and the second block to multiple receiver equipment installations coupled to said cable.

29. (new) The method of claim 28 wherein said method uses said same cable to distribute said block-frequency-converted first block and the second block among the multiple receiver equipment installations.

30. (new) The method of claim 27 further including block-frequency-converting said second block comprising said second plurality of broadcasts, and said applying includes applying said block-frequency-converted second block to said cable.

31. (new) The method of claim 27 wherein at least some of said broadcasts comprise television broadcasts.

32. (new) The method of claim 27 wherein the cable comprises a coaxial cable.

33. (new) The method of claim 27 wherein said block-frequency converting step avoids applying second harmonics to the cable.

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34. (new) The method of claim 27 wherein said obtaining includes receiving signals from said satellite via a satellite antenna.

35. (new) The method of claim 27 wherein said receiving comprises receiving signals with a dish.

36. (new) The method of claim 27 wherein said receiver equipment comprises at least one satellite receiver.

37. (new) The method of claim 27 wherein said receiver equipment comprises plural satellite receivers all coupled to said same cable.